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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON THIS 8th DAY OF November 2002
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In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.*

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Filing Date: February 15, 2001

Examiner: Tran, Susan T.

For: Microparticles Produced From
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And
Their Use For The Controlled
Release Of Active Agents

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002 be extended 3 months so that it expires on November 8, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00. If a further extension is needed, such extension is requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any other amount which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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